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EXPLAINED AT LAST.

Mabel (passing the Whippersnapper Club): MAMMA, DEAR, WHAT DO ALL THOSE MEN ALWAYS SIT IN THAT WINDOW FOR, I WONDER?

Mrs. N.: THEY SIT IN THAT WINDOW, MABEL, IN ORDER TO LET ALL OF US SEE THAT THEY HAVE THAT WINDOW TO SIT IN.

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Ladies and Gentlemen:
Last week
we had the honor to
submit our



Annual Statement,
which was found so
interesting
that we repeat it.

STATEMENT OF THE MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEW YORK

RICHARD A. McCURDY, President.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31st, 1888.

TOTAL ASSETS, \$126,082,153.56.

Increase in Assets,	\$7,275,301.68	Risks assumed,	\$103,214,261
Surplus at four per cent.,	7,940,063.63	Increase during year,	33,756,792
Increase in Surplus,	1,645,622.11	Risks in force,	482,125,184
Policies in force,	158,369	Increase during year,	54,496,251
Increase during year,	17,426	Receipts from all sources,	26,215,932
Policies written,	32,606	Increase during year,	3,096,010
Increase during year,	10,301	Paid Policy-Holders,	14,727,550

THE ASSETS ARE INVESTED AS FOLLOWS:

Bonds and Mortgages,	\$49,617,874.02
United States and other securities,	48,616,704.14
Real Estate and Loans on collateral,	21,786,125.34
Cash in Banks and Trust Companies at interest,	2,813,277.60
Interest accrued, Premiums deferred and in transit, etc.,	3,248,172.46
	\$126,082,153.56

I have carefully examined the foregoing statement and find the same to be correct.—A. N. WATERHOUSE, Auditor.

FROM THE SURPLUS ABOVE STATED A DIVIDEND WILL BE APPORTIONED AS USUAL.

Year.	Risks Assumed.	Risks Outstanding.	Surplus.
1883	\$34,681,420	\$351,789,285	\$4,743,771
1885	46,507,139	368,081,441	5,012,684
1886	56,832,719	393,809,203	5,643,568
1887	69,457,468	427,628,933	6,294,442
1888	103,214,261	482,125,184	7,940,063

NEW YORK, January 23, 1889.

The Social Season.



During the season in London, Beecham's Pills are held in high regard. The exactions of social life, the strain consequent upon late hours, late suppers, and the indulgence of rich and highly seasoned food, all combine to leave the system in a debilitated condition and the stomach in a state bordering on frenzy, if we may use the expression. Beecham's Pills, however, taken regularly, having a soothing effect on the stomach and the digestive organs. Their result is *immediate*.

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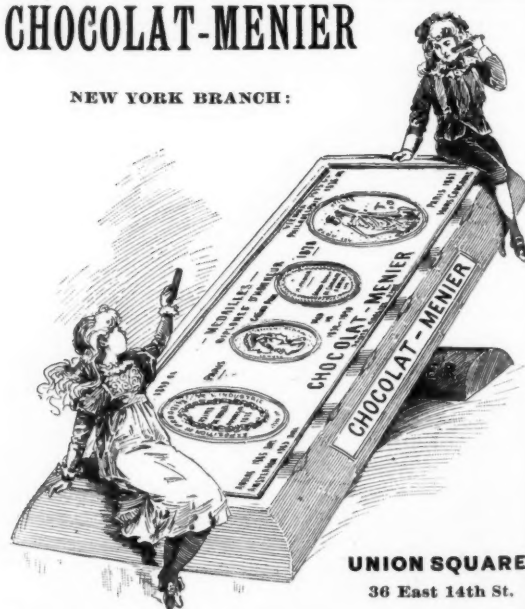
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A JUSTIFICATION.

Aunt Deborah (religiously): WOE TO THE MAN WHO MARRIES THOSE FLYBELLE GIRLS; FOR THEY TOIL NOT, NEITHER DO THEY SPIN.
Miss Daisy: OH, AUNT DEBORAH! YOU WRONG THEM, INDEED YOU DO! I MEET THEM OFTEN AT DANCES.

A LITERAL TRANSLATION.

FRENCH-AMERICAN (*translating his Bible for an American friend*): The ghost is willing, but the meat is weak.

CORROBORATION.

SAID Paddleford to his wife on the way back from the museum, "I am firmly convinced that women have an innate, natural, constitutional love of the horrible."

"Good thing for you!" she retorted, "or you might have been a bachelor to your dying day."

Ye Ice Mann!



A POSSIBILITY.



"While there's Life there's Hope."

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IF Philip H. Welch had not been an anonymous contributor to LIFE, as he was to the numerous other daily and weekly magazines and newspapers by which his humorous fancies were distributed throughout the length and breadth of the land, not only every reader of this paper, but the entire reading community of the United States would have felt a sense of personal loss upon the announcement of his untimely death. His name is not entirely unknown to our readers either, for many of his longer articles were signed; but the great bulk of his work was of such a nature that it was impossible to identify the writer with it. Some idea of what this work was may be gathered from the circumstance that, almost since LIFE'S initial number, a very large proportion of the bright conversations, witty thoughts, and brilliant paragraphs appearing in these pages from week to week have been from his tireless pen.

ASIDE from his writings for LIFE, Mr. Welch's other literary work was enormous. For several years he has been a regular contributor to almost a score of publications, including such representative journals as *The Times*, *The Sun*, *Puck*, *Judge*, *The Epoch*, and *Texas Siftings*. From these original sources Mr. Welch's humor spread from newspaper to magazine, and from magazine to newspaper, literally from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and from the Gulf to the Great Lakes. In the last four or five years he probably published alone more purely humorous "matter" than all the rest of the humorists of the United States together. The fecundity of his pen in this particular direction is unparalleled in the history of journalism or literature.

BUT there is another and a deeply pathetic reason why Philip H. Welch's career is of interest—and of peculiarly sad interest—to the tens of thousands whose laughter he had evoked. During all these years that his wit has been banishing the shadows of others, he himself has been engaged in a hand-to-hand struggle with one of the most terrible forms of death. Cancer in the tongue and throat

has been slowly eating its dreadful way to a vital spot. One agonizing operation has followed another, in the hope of arresting the fatal progress of the malady, and all without avail.

AND Mr. Welch never once gave way under the strain. His heroism and fortitude were unbounded. From the different hospitals where he vainly searched for relief, from his sick-bed at home, from other cities, whither he journeyed to obtain the aid of eminent physicians in his hopeless struggle for life, he turned out his quota of work as regularly as when he sat at his desk in the office of the *Sun*. More than once, indeed, the faint odor of an anæsthetic upon his manuscript, reaching this desk from a hospital the day after an operation, was pitiful evidence of the desperate conditions under which he labored, yet never did he write or utter one word of complaint.

IT was in Mr. Welch's last days, however, that his heroism was best manifested. Until within a few months, he had ventured to hope against hope that medical science might prove equal to the desperate emergency his condition presented; but early last summer he began to realize fully that he was past human aid. And now ensued a new and more piteous phase of the struggle with death. The encroachments of his disease were daily more agonizing, and but for the exertion of an extraordinary power of will, he could not have endured the awful ordeal.

AND gladly would he have laid down the burden of life, were it not for one reason: Mr. Welch was not a rich man; he depended upon his labor for his own and his family's daily bread. At his death his loved ones might be left in comparative poverty save for what he would be able to put by for them before he succumbed. And this young hero suffered daily a thousand deaths that he might leave them in better circumstances. Actually holding the grim monster at arm's length, he labored on, day after day. Captain Shannon writing the prospectus of the *Pall Mall Gazette*, a "journal written by gentlemen for gentlemen," in the squalor of Fleet prison, does not constitute an incongruity in any degree so tragic as this picture of Mr. Welch, with the actual clutch of death at his throat, penning, with hourly-failing strength, the witticisms that should make happier people laugh.

MANY a hero of the battlefield, whose name is written indelibly upon the scroll of fame, would have proved unequal to the test that Philip H. Welch passed with such splendid courage and fortitude.



"WELL, YEZ SEE, MRS. GOOLIGAN, WE HAD TO HAVE A PIAN-
NER BEKASE NO YOUNG LADY'S EDDICATION IS COMPLETE WIDOUT
SHE PLAYS A BIT, AND THIN THE OULD MAN IS FOND OF CLASSER-
KUL MUSIC, AN' WHIN HE COMES HOME AFTHIR HIS DAY'S WORK
HE LOIKES TO TAKE IT AISY AN' LISTEN TO VICTORIA WHOILE
SHE PLAYS AND SINGS. BY THE WAY, HER MUSIC TAYCHER IS
JUST GOIN' UP TO GIVE HER A LESSON. WON'T YER SHTEP IN?"

THE FATE OF ROBERT ELSMERE.

THE office-boy handed the dramatic editor one of the
regulation blanks for visitors, which had been filled out
to read: "Mr. Robert Elsmere, of London, Eng., on show
business."

"Show him up!" exclaimed the trained wit, after he had re-
covered from his surprise. And Mr. Elsmere was shown up.

"Hello, Bob!" said his old friend. "Glad to see you!
But I thought you died out there in Algiers?"

"Not much!" replied Mr. Elsmere, very decidedly.
"Mrs. Ward made me do the soldier-of-the-legion act just
to satisfy her faulty sense of the dramatic proprieties. I'm
all right, I tell you! I weigh twenty-six pounds more than
when I saw you last. What between my improved appear-
ance and the wrong impression that Mrs. Ward gave them,
most of my old friends didn't know me when I dropped in
on them."

"What are you doing over on this side?" he was asked.

"Working the Ward ad. for all it is worth," replied the
gentleman in the striped shirt and the loud trousers. "What
is left for any clergyman to do who h. shed his last shred
of orthodoxy? Not die, because that satishs the dramatic
proprieties, but go on the stage and dissatisfy them, like rise
accumulate the golden dollars. Why, man, I've had the

biggest advance notices in the annals of the histrionic
art. I can't do the tragic heavies like the Reverend
Miln. Mrs. Ward gave it to you straight about my
sore throat. But I've got voice enough left for the
variety business, and have organized a company that
will make Tony Pastor stare. What with my reputa-
tion in polite society, I expect to elevate the variety
stage even higher than Mrs. Potter has the legitimate."

"How's the family?" Mr. Elsmere was asked at
parting.

"They're with the show. Catherine's a trifle slow,
but she's got a good topical song that's sure to go.
Mary, the kid, we're billing as an infant phenomenon.
We're training her up to do a swell male turn."

And the rest of the discussion was carried on in
secret session at a neighboring café.



MINISTER (*dining with the family*): Bobby, I suppose
when you grow up to be a man you will want to be
an earnest Christian, won't you?

"Yes, sir, if it doesn't interfere with being a drum-major."



DISSATISFACTION.

Father (*who has rushed to the spot*): WHAT'S THE MATTER?

Boy: OH, DAD, G-G-GET ME OUT OF THIS!

Father (*slowly*): WALL, IF YOU AIN'T THE HARDEST BOY TO
PLEASE I EVER SEE. LAST SUMMER I COULDN'T KEEP YOU OUT
OF THIS CREEK, AND NOW YER CRYIN' BECAUSE YER IN.



NOT ACCORDING TO HOYLE.

"MUST trump or follow suit," said he;
To this she said, and struck him mute,
"When hearts are trumps I cannot see
Why anyone should follow suit."
She led a heart; his trump fell on,
And thus, 'til both their hearts were gone.
And when the happy game was done
They both concluded, both had won!

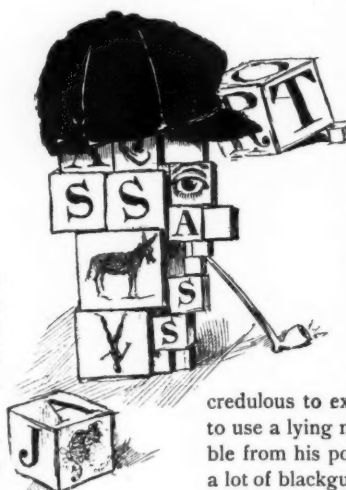
IT has been a question before now in the Assembly as to who had the floor, but never before, that we wot of, as to who had the ceiling. Evidently, the Assembly hasn't got it—not the one, at least, that it paid for.



SYMPATHY is felt with the Bordentown Female College, which is up to its eyes in real trouble. The proprietor, a male named the Rev. William C. Bowen, undertook to warn the young females under his charge against various reputed immoralities that were besetting sins of the nineteenth century. So far, however, from being impressed with his

remarks, the young ladies were that scandalized by them that they wrote to their respective parents, and demanded to be taken home. The fable illustrates that care should be taken while teaching the young idea to shoot not to set yourself up for a target. It also suggests pity for a man so dense as to suppose that any young woman could learn the principles of virtuous conduct from the precepts of a schoolmaster.

THE appearance of Prince Georges Eristoff de Gourie in the Yorkville police court on charge of pawning an overcoat which had been loaned to him for advertising purposes, is another shock to the admirers of the foreign nobility. Prince Georges is out of a job just now, because of delay in the adjustment of his pretensions to the throne of Bulgaria, and his embarrassments are said to be largely due to that fact. It does not appear how he excuses himself for not accepting a position somewhere as walking delegate to tide him over his emergencies. Prince Georges seems to be no relation of Henry Georges, the abolisher of poverty, and manifestly he is vastly inferior to that adroit gentleman in resources.



LUTHER MARSH has scornfully denied the allegation of his marriage with the Dis Debar, and proclaims her a liar and a foul person. Nevertheless, he admits his continued belief in her powers as a medium and in the messages which she conveys from the spirit world. But, admitting the possibility which Mr. Marsh suggests, is it not over-

credulous to expect any but lying spirits to use a lying medium? Is it not credible from his point of view that there are a lot of blackguards knocking around the confines of space who would like no better fun than to send an old man lying messages through this foul medium? One can comprehend a belief in spirits, but that respectable and dignified spirits—sometimes of historical reputation—should do business with such a lot of riff-raff as the general run of mediums, beggars comprehension.

"THE greatest of all human controversies," says Mr. Gladstone, "is the marriage controversy."

If Mr. Gladstone should move over to America for a spell he would learn that the greatest of all existing controversies is that known as the Irish question. Living, as he does, on the outskirts of the fight, Mr. G. does not realize how hot it is.

THE name of Mr. William Winter was suggested not long ago as a possible librarian and head-keeper to the Players' Club. Doubtless Mr. Winter would grace that position, and the Club would be lucky if he could be induced to take it; but if he has a spark of missionary spirit another field has recently developed a much more imperative claim to it. If he and the *Tribune* should ever part company, it is his manifest duty to transfer his energies to St. Louis, and try to instill in the newspapers of that city a dramatic sense of what's what. As the true missionary's ardor is stimulated by stories of savage ignorance, so should the spirit of Winter be stirred by St. Louis's tributes to Miss Anderson. Of course, it would be a painful sacrifice for him to go there, but is it not his duty?

SUGGESTIONS FOR THE INAUGURAL PARADE.

DESIGN FOR TRIUMPHAL CAR.

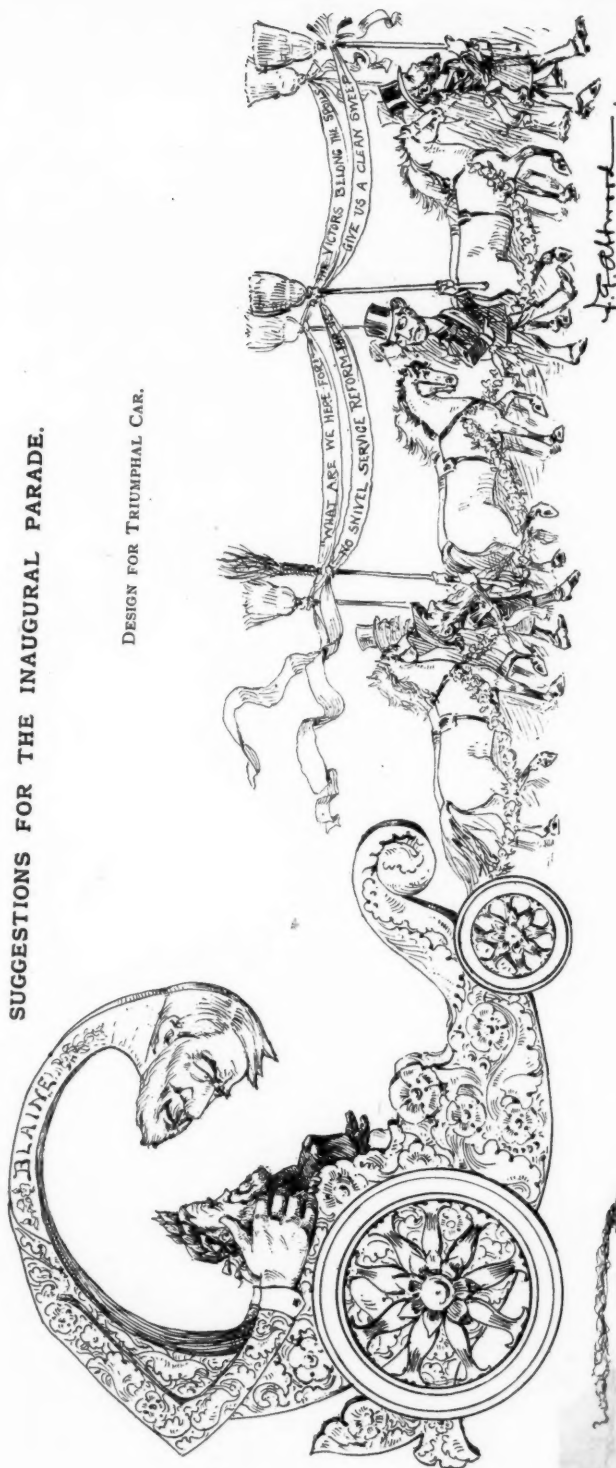
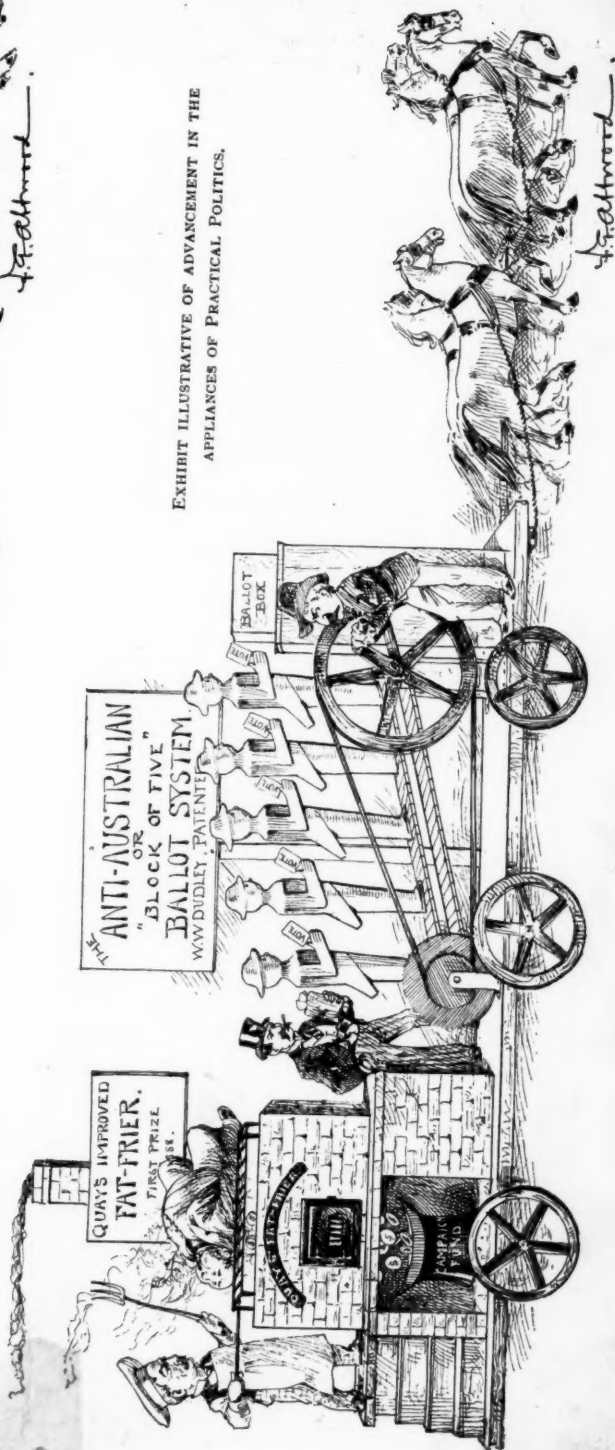


EXHIBIT ILLUSTRATIVE OF ADVANCEMENT IN THE APPLIANCES OF PRACTICAL POLITICS.



A KINDERGARTEN SERIES.

"NOW, children," after reading the old story of Washington's exploit with his hatchet, "write me all you can remember of that pretty story I have just read to you."

THE RESULT.

SLATE I. (*Teddy, eight years old*): Georg Washinton is our father did he tell a lie no he never did he did it with is hatchit.

SLATE II. (*Ethel, seven*): gorge washinton was the father of is contre hes father sed did you do it he sed i wud not lie i did it with mi Hathit and then he busted is tears.

SLATE III. (*Georgie, nine*): George Washington is the father of our country and he did it with his hatchit and he said father I did it did the boy deny it o no did he try to put it on some other feller No He did not tell no lie he bust into tears.

LIKE FATHER, LIKE SON.

MADAME PAINE: Don't you think Miss Grace is a *very* bright little lady?

DR. PAINE (*dryly*): Yes; often too bright. I sometimes wonder if her humor does not amount to a disease.

M. D., JR. (*eight years old*): Perhaps she has Bright's disease, papa.



A LUCKY FIND.

"HEM'LY, COME HERE, QUICK, AFORE THE CORONER COMES; HERE'S A HACCIDENT FROZEN DEAD WITH THE LOVELIEST PAIR O' SKATES ON YER EVER SEE!"



Sea Serpent: EXCUSE ME, GENTLEMEN, BUT THIS IS THE FIRST CHANCE FOR A MONTH I'VE HAD TO DRAW A LONG BREATH.



LIFE'S GALLERY OF BEAUTIES. No. 8.

MR. KYRLE BELLEW.

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KYRLE BELLEW, ne Higgins, is a son of the Rev. Montesquieu Higgins, formerly of the Church of England, or of that part of it located in a chapel on Bloomsbury Square, London.

Various narratives, some of a highly romantic, and others of an extremely prosaic, nature are related concerning the reasons why Harry Higgins changed his name and became an actor, the romantic tales seeming to emanate distantly from the gentleman himself, and the prosaic ones from his contemporaries.

We place little confidence, however, in the story that he was kidnapped, while a child of twenty-one or twenty-two, by a beautiful Duchess, who bore him off to a tropical isle in an equatorial sea, and conferred upon him the office of maid in the nursery of her grandchildren, whence he escaped in the baby-carriage and joined Henry Irving, who was then starring the East Indies in "Uncle Tom's Cabin."

The tale that Kyrle ran away from home at the age of sixteen, and took command of a Moorish pirate-ship on the Mediterranean, which made a practice of stealing fruit from the coast-wise steamers, and eating it on a desert island, seems more probable, in view of Mr. Bellew's ferocious and blood-thirsty conduct respecting Mr. Pierre Lorillard and the Tuxedo Club. It is currently reported that, on the occasion in question, Mr. Bellew obtained Mr. Lorillard's umbrella from the hall of the club, and carried it with him to New York. Thence he sent word to the other gentleman that if he (Bellew) did not receive a retraction of the insult before nine o'clock on the Friday evening of the week after the next, he (Bellew) would break the umbrella.

The circumstance that Miss Harriet Coffin afterward pursued Mr. Bellew three times around the counters of a drug-store, and hit him in the back with a bath sponge, should not be used as an argument against his personal courage, since he merely ran to see how far she would pursue him.

Mr. Bellew is connected with a noble English family, a grand-

uncle of an aunt on his mother's side being connected by marriage with the nephew of the second son of Sir Mordaunt Higgins, of Higgins-in-the-Soup, in Yorkshire.



SUBURBAN HOUSEKEEPING.

Domestic (who has been catechising prospective mistress): WELL, MRS. SHARPLY, YOU HAVE RATHER A BAD NAME AMONG THE GURLS IN THE TOWN, BUT OI THINK I'LL GIVE YOU A TRY.

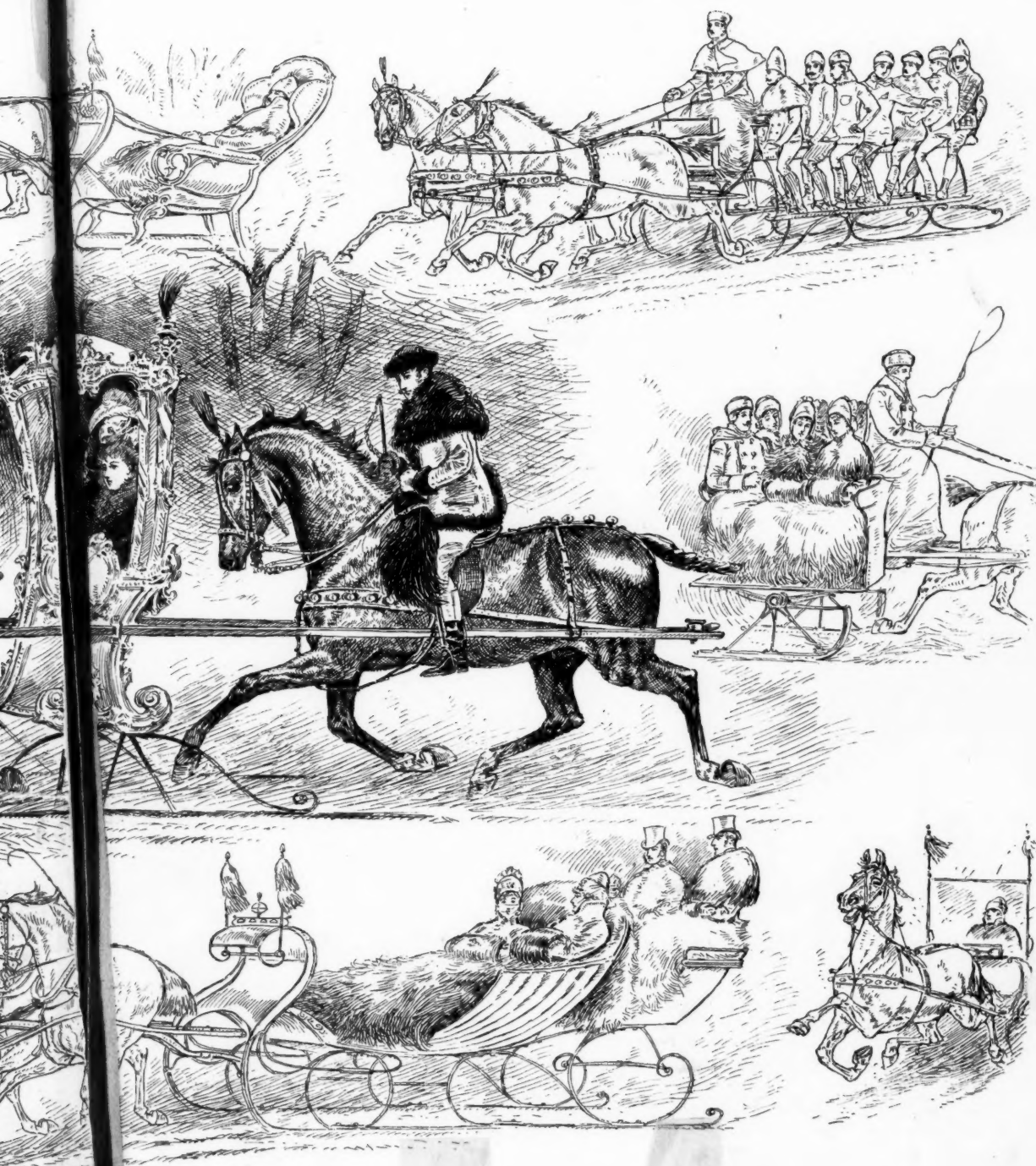


Drive your
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on runners.



A FEW SUGGESTIONS FOR
NEW YORKERS AND OTHER DWELLERS

For only Arm-chair.



For sociability
Irish Jaunting
Car on runners

A square of
plate glass to
keep off the
snow.

NS FOR WHO SEEK NOVELTIES.
WELLERS MAY NOT UNDERSTAND THIS PAGE.



MY WISH.

HASTE, Cupid, to my lady fair,
This softly to her speak:
No Easter offering I care,
Nor Christmas gift would seek.

No New Year greeting can bring glee;
For only this I pine:
'Tis that *ma belle* will give to me
Her heart for Valentine!

H. E. W.

THE REASON.

TEACHER: Why is it you don't
learn your Sunday-school
lessons as you do those on week days?

BAD LITTLE TOMMIE: 'Cause you
can't lick a feller at Sunday-school.

IT is the dog watch whose bark is
on the sea.

TOMBSTONE SOCIETY.

DOINGS OF THE GAY IN ARIZONA'S METROPOLIS.

(Special Correspondence.)

BILL HIGGINS, of Whackerville, is in town—the price
of whisky has gone up ten cents a glass.

IT is rumored that Limpy Jake is engaged to an Apache
half-breed. Shake, Jake!

THE engagement between the beautiful Miss Mollie Simp-
son and Mr. Ed. Johnson has been suddenly broken off.
Ed. was lynched last night by vigilantes.

SHORTY FRENCH and Rose Jenkins were joined in the
holy bonds of matrimony at the residence of the bride's
father, at ten o'clock, last Tuesday evening. The ceremony
was followed by a reception, at which the *élite* of Tomb-
stone society were present. The gifts were numerous and
costly. It gives us pleasure to announce that Rose will
continue to take in washing.

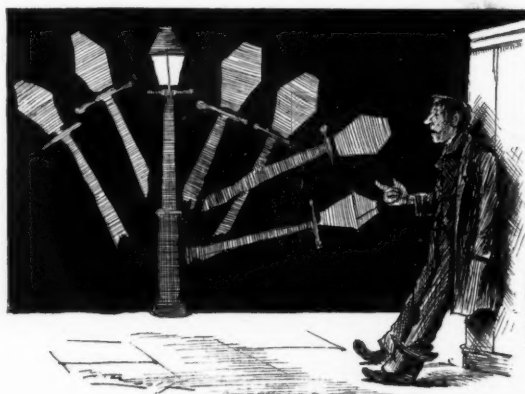
OUR polite circles will grieve to learn of the death of
"Slim Charlie," who has long been a favorite in fashionable
society. One of the ranch boys caught him with a super-
fluous ace up his sleeve last Sunday, and dropped him. We
mourn our loss.

THE "Olive Branch" Chapter of the "Arizona Benevo-
lent Association" held its monthly meeting at Murphy's
saloon last night. Only three members were killed,
although several were badly knifed. It is thought that
President Pete Riley will not live, as his skull was
smashed in by a billiard cue, on account of a decision on a
point of order. We always thought Pete's skull was thicker
than that. The billiard cue was turned over to the sheriff.

THE ball at the Skinner's, last Saturday evening, was one
of the most brilliant affairs of the season. Dancing com-

menced at eight o'clock, and continued until old man Skin-
ner came out with a double-barreled shot-gun and swore he
would kill the next man who broke through the floor. Many
of the costumes were beautiful, many had never been worn
before, and many, it is hoped, will never be worn again.
The punch was excellent, and as the recipe is a favorite
one, we give it for the benefit of our readers: Take five
gallons of good whisky (any whisky will do, if you can't
get good), strain through a flour sieve, and drink with a tin
cup. This recipe originated with old Skinner's grandfather,
and has been in the family ever since. The entire affair
was a marked success, and we join in the hope that it may
be soon repeated. We may remark, *en passant*, that the
body of the commercial drummer who tried to wear a suit
of full dress such as is worn in the effete East, to this affair,
started back to St. Louis this morning.

Tom Hall.



"IF I CAN COUNT 'EM LAMPISH I'M ALL RIGHT. LE' ME SHEE
(counting): ONE, TWO, THREE, FOUR, FI', SHIX, SHEVEN; 'AT'S ALL.
I'LL GO HOME, BUT I'LL BET TEN DOLLARS TO A SHENT 'AT MY
WIFE 'LL SAY I'M DRUNK AGIN—JUSHT LIKE THE WIMMIN—
WHERE'SH MY HAT?"

EASILY REMEDIED.

CHICAGO HUSBAND (at dinner): Isn't the room very
warm, my dear?

CHICAGO WIFE: I don't wonder, my dear, you find the
room warm, sitting there with your coat on.



"LOSING H'S HEAD."



TOO FRIVOLOUS.

The Philosopher's Wife: LIONEL, WHICH DO YOU CONSIDER OF THE GREATEST IMPORTANCE OF THE FINAL QUESTIONS OF LIFE, THE "HAVE BEEN" OR THE "MIGHT HAVE BEEN?"

The Philosopher (sadly): THE COAL BIN.

A REVISED VERSION.

O H, my love is like a red, red rose
In the winter o' the year;
And that, as every lover knows,
Is very, very dear.

Anna M. Pratt.

A GROSS LIBEL.

"WHO is that?"
"It's Dr. Parley, who preached that heavenly bacchanalian sermon last Sunday."

A BAD ERRAND.

MR. GIBBS (*meeting his son late at night*): Where are you going at this time of night, John? On no good errand, I'll warrant.

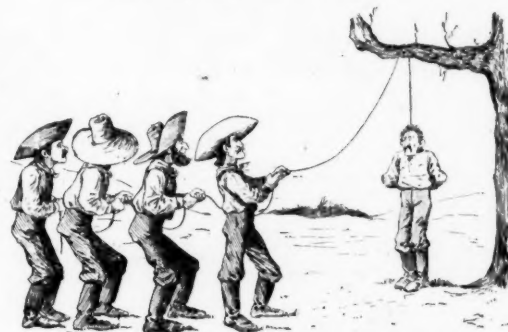
JOHN: No, sir; I was going to look for you.

THE theatrical manager is known by the company he keeps.

WHY THE HEMP PARTY WAS A FAILURE.
A TALE OF THE WESTERN BORDER.



"NO MORE HOSS STEALIN' FOR HIM."



"NOW, SONNY, THREE MINUTES TER SAY YER PRAYERS."



"NOW, BOYS, ALL TOGETHER!"





TRIOLET.

I BOUGHT her a ring,
But I did not present it.
'Twas time for the thing,
So I bought her a ring,
But she had one. Who sent it?
Too late! Oh, the sting!
Yes, I bought her a ring,
But I did not present it.

—Time.

THERE is a well-founded impression in spiritualistic circles that Miss Coffin, who recently attempted to shoot Kyrle Bellew, is controlled by the spirit of Shakespeare.—*San Francisco Music and Drama*.

"I am sure of getting a snug office under Ben Harrison," said the man in the Prince Albert coat to the man in the striped ulster. "Can present good recommendations, I s'pose," remarked the other man. "Don't need any." "Why not?" "My name is in the Indianapolis City Directory for 1873." "Great Scott! you're lucky. But, hold on; may be I can get something myself. I once waited two hours for a train in Indianapolis in the fall of 1882."—*Chicago News*.

MAMMA (to Flossie who had been lunching with a little friend): I hope you were very polite, Flossie, at the table and said, "Yes, please," and "No, thank you!"

FLOSSIE: Well, I didn't say, "No, thank you," because you see I took everything.—*Epoch*.

MISS VIVACITY: So Miss Prettygirl is to be married, I hear?

MISS ACIDITY: That is what I am told.

MISS V.: Is it a love match?

MISS A.: Certainly! She always loved money, and I understand that the unfortunate gentleman has plenty of it.—*Boston Budget*.

"Do you really and truly believe in eternity, Mr. Andover?"

PARSON ANDOVER (firmly): Yes, I do; I don't believe the Creator would have permitted one of his creatures to begin work on the Keely motor without providing time for him to complete it.—*Burdette*.

UNCLE: Fritz, you are past mending. Money, money, always money! I am glad I have not many such nephews!

NEPHEW: Exactly my sentiments, uncle; so glad I'm the only one!—*Fliegende Blätter*.

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JANUARY 1, 1889.

Amount of Net Assets, January 1, 1888 \$79,912,317.17

REVENUE ACCOUNT.

Premiums	\$22,301,931.11	
Less deferred premiums, January 1, 1888	1,174,340.36	\$21,127,590.75
Interest and rents, etc.	4,762,169.67	
Less Interest accrued January 1, 1888	488,477.59	4,273,692.08
		\$25,401,282.83
		\$105,313,600.00

DISBURSEMENT ACCOUNT.

Losses by death, and Endowments matured and discounted (including reversionary additions to same)	\$5,425,926.78
Dividends (including mortuary-dividends), annuities, and purchased insurances	5,547,143.27
Total Paid Policy-holders	\$10,973,070.05
Taxes and reinsurances	303,062.84
Commissions (including advanced and commuted commissions), brokerages, agency expenses, physicians' fees, etc.	3,558,440.80
Office and law expenses, salaries, advertising, printing, etc.	654,600.12
	\$15,489,263.81
	\$89,824,336.19

ASSETS.

Cash on deposit, on hand, and in transit	\$3,695,836.94
United States Bonds and other bonds and stocks (market value, \$58,222,751.94)	54,566,901.58
Real Estate	9,308,125.08
Bonds and Mortgages, first lien on real estate (buildings thereon insured for \$13,800,000, and the policies assigned to the Company as additional collateral security)	16,666,932.50
Temporary Loans (market value of securities held as collateral, \$2,144,670)	1,676,250.00
* Loans on existing policies (the Reserve on these policies, included in Liabilities, amounts to over \$2,000,000)	378,874.10
* Quarterly and semi-annual premiums on existing policies, due subsequent to January 1, 1889	1,435,734.86
* Premiums on existing policies in course of transmission and collection. (The Reserve on these policies, included in Liabilities, is estimated at \$1,500,000)	1,045,089.46
Agents' balances	298,959.43
Accrued Interest on investments, January 1, 1889	451,605.24
Market value of securities over cost value on Company's books	\$89,824,336.19
	3,655,850.36

* A detailed schedule of these items will accompany the usual annual report filed with the Insurance Department of the State of New York.

TOTAL ASSETS, January 1, 1889 \$93,480,186.55

Appropriated as follows:

Approved losses in course of payment	\$555,555.62
Reported losses, awaiting proof, etc.	302,964.77
Matured endowments, due and unpaid (claims not presented)	56,511.88
Annuities due and unpaid (claims not presented)	26,865.69
Reserved for reinsurance on existing policies; at the Actuaries' table 4 per cent. interest	78,985,757.00
Reserved for contingent liabilities to Tontine Dividend Fund, January 1, 1888, over and above a 4 per cent. Reserve on existing policies of that class	\$5,315,720.83
Addition to the Fund during 1888	2,043,665.84
DEDUCT—	\$7,359,386.67
Returned to Tontine policy-holders during the year on matured Tontines	615,609.54
Balance of Tontine Fund, January 1, 1889	\$6,423,777.13
Reserved for premiums paid in advance	46,504.21
	\$86,397,936.30
	7,082,250.25
	\$93,480,186.55
	13,500,000.00

Divisible Surplus (Company's new Standard)

Surplus by the New York State Standard (including the Tontine Fund)

From the undivided surplus, as above, the Board of Trustees have declared a Reversionary dividend to participating policies in proportion to their contribution to surplus, available on settlement of next annual premium.

Returns to Policy-Holders.	Insurance in Force.	Assets.	New Policies Issued.
1886 . . . \$7,627,230	Jan. 1, 1887 . . \$304,373,540	Jan. 1, 1887 . . \$75,421,453	1886 22,027
1887 . . . 9,535,210	Jan. 1, 1888 . . 358,935,536	Jan. 1, 1888 . . 83,079,845	1887 28,522
1888 . . . 10,973,070	Jan. 1, 1889 . . 419,886,505	Jan. 1, 1889 . . 93,480,186	1888 33,334

Number of Policies issued during the year, 33,334. Risks assumed, \$125,019,731.

Total number of Policies in force January 1, 1889, 129,911. Amount at risk, \$419,886,505.

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"By the North Fork of the Great Crooked Bitterroot! Go out to the corral an' git my hoss, an' I'll mosey! If the effete ways of the worn-out East are sneakin' in here like this, I shall start furdur West to-night!"—*Texas Siftings*.

MRS. LENOX HILL, JR.: I'm so glad you've come, Lenox. Christina, the nurse-girl, left this morning, and, as she's taught little Beekman nothing but Swedish, I can't find out what he wants!—*Puck*.

TOURIST: What great changes time works here in the West! A few years ago, this region was peopled by reds without a white.

KANSAS RUSTLER: An' sence the drouth it's be'n mostly whites without a red. Oh, time works a heap o' changes!—*Muncie's Weekly*.

MRS. RANSOM: Wasn't that a mean article the *Bugle* published yesterday about Mr. Savage?

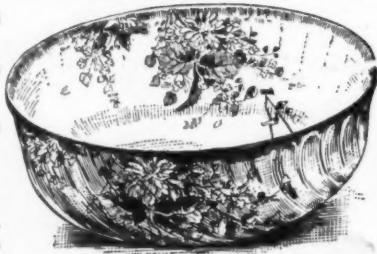
MRS. SAVAGE: Yes, indeed; no foundation at all for it.

MRS. RANSOM: Mr. Savage told Mr. Ransom, last night, that he was going to see the editor about it. Has he been yet?

MRS. SAVAGE: I guess so; I just received a note from John at Bellevue.—*Judge*.

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NET ASSETS, Dec. 31, 1887, . . . \$3,387,360.39
RECEIPTS during 1888:
Premiums . . . \$1,831,526.93
Interest, Rents, etc., 451,477.86 2,283,004.79
\$10,670,365.18

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid Policy Holders for
Claims by Death,
Endowments, Cash
Dividends, Surren-
dered Policies, etc. \$1,219,584.35

All other expendi-
tures, including taxes, 526,828.45 1,746,412.80

NET ASSETS, Dec. 31, 1888 . . . \$8,923,952.38

Add excess market value of stocks,
with interest accrued and due and
unpaid, also deferred and unpaid
premiums. 595,324.91

GROSS ASSETS, Dec. 31, 1888 . . . \$9,519,277.29

Deduct total liabilities 8,960,827.71

SURPLUS at 4 per cent. valuation . . . \$558,449.58

Surplus by former N. Y. standard, \$1,089,735.58

Policies issued in 1888, 4,321 for . . . 9,551,611

Policies in force Dec. 31, '88, 19,273 for 42,768,034

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gin at the beginning." Not
if you want to go up a river,
you don't.—*Burdette.*

It is rumored that Wil-
liam D. Howells left Boston
because it is becoming fash-
ionable there to have a plot
of ground around a house.
Howells hates plots of any
kind.—*World.*

"SIR," said the mission-
ary to the departing legis-
lator, "I wish you would do
all in your power to reclaim
the poor red man of the
West."

"I will," said the law-
maker, heartily; "I'll be-
gin with their reservations
first."—*Puck.*

"WHY were you not at
chapel this morning?"
asked the Dean of the in-
dolent undergraduate,
whose attendances at the
morning worship were like
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between.

"I am very sorry, sir,"
answered the delinquent,
"but the fact is the hour
fixed for service is incon-
veniently late."

"Late?" roared the dis-
ciplinarian, in wrath.

"Yes, sir," he replied.

"If chapel were at five, or
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manage it; but you really
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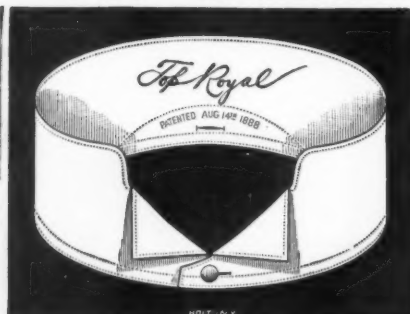
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HUSBAND: Well, I don't know. I always try to be pleasant.—*Epoch*.

DRUMMER (in burning hotel): Mary, give me the child, quick, and let us escape a fiery death!

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